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Amendments to the Specification:

This application is a continuation of United States Application 10/195,974, filed July 16, 2002, which is a continuation of United States Application 09/903,803, filed July 12, 2001, now United States Patent 6,486,177, ~~which is a continuation in part of United States Application 09/318,151, filed May 25, 1999, which is a continuation in part of United States Application 08/827,230, filed April 2, 1997, now United States Patent 5,908,850, which is~~ continuation of United States Application 08/567,131, filed December 4, 1995. The contents of each of the foregoing applications are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.